

VISION 2030 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (NDS) is a national multi-sectoral strategy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the period of 2016-2030. Its main objective is to establish the vision and broad framework for Trinidad and Tobago's development to 2030 and defines the key priorities for the first planning period 2016-2020.

IN THE AREA OF NUTRITION, NDS provides that Government will disseminate information on healthy lifestyle choices, including: health and nutrition; fitness, HIV infection, road safety, non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity, dental health, mental well-being, smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes, and environmental health.

Key stakeholders will be engaged in the process and their contribution sustained. Health policies will be formulated to ensure that healthy foods and drinks are sold in public buildings such as schools and health facilities.

FOR ENVIRONMENT, the document notes that environmental governance and management systems will be strengthened through improved environmental institutional arrangements; carbon footprint will be reduced through reduced fossil fuel use, and improved energy efficiency; climate vulnerability will be assessed by developing climate change vulnerability and risk assessment, implementing adaptation actions for vulnerable sectors, and improving integrated disaster risk management; comprehensive waste and pollution management systems will be created through improved waste management systems, implementing multi-lateral environmental agreements-related actions plans, conducting hazardous waste inventory, and improved pollution management systems; and finally, natural resource management will be improved which will result in the development of endangered and threatened species action plan, reduced loss of habitats, establishment of zoning of coastal and marine areas, the development of biodiversity data management system, and biodiversity and ecosystems services incorporated in all areas of national development planning.

IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, Government will implement sector specific strategies to advance the agenda for growth as it seeks to modernise agriculture, upgrade manufacturing and energise services as part of a wider economic transformation programme.

Government has identified and prioritised the establishment of new business clusters in seven key national economic areas: financial services; maritime services; aviation services; fishing and fish processing; agriculture and agro processing; software design and applications; and the creative industries, and will implement mechanisms to support these sectors as part of a wider economic transformation programme.

Finally, NDS plans to promote an integrated approach to disaster risk management. The national statistical system will be reformed to provide timely, reliable and accurate data for improved decision-making and targeted policy formulation.

To this end, the **NATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO** will be established.

Further, integrated flood and drainage management planning will be undertaken to address poor drainage and flooding in rural communities and urban centres.

NDS will be implemented according to Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Vision 2030 which will comprise Key Performance Indicators and targets.

The institutional mechanisms for Vision 2030 will include the establishment of a Vision 2030 advisory committee.